



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q82625

Tsukasa AGA

Appln. No.: 10/502,014

Group Art Unit: 1713

Confirmation No.: 8458

Examiner: Mei Qi Huang

Filed: July 20, 2004

For: AQUEOUS WATER-AND OIL-REPELLENT DISPERSION

INTERVIEW STATEMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The undersigned on April 6, 2006 contacted the Examiner to inquire as to (i) the reason for not entering the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed March 20, 2006; and (i) the status of the application relative to the pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review filed on even date.

The Amendment in question sought to correct a typographical error to claim 1. Although the Advisory Action dated March 30, 2006 suggests that the proposed Amendment would change the scope of the invention, the typographical error and intended wording of claim 1 were clearly recognized by the Examiner as set forth at page 3, line 3 up of the Office Action dated October 21, 2005.

Regarding this last point, the inadvertent typographical error "three of more side chains" was introduced in the Amendment filed August 15, 2005. The intended wording of claim 1, namely, "three or more side chains" is set forth at page 5, line 2 up of the Remarks portion of the

Amendment filed August 15, 2005. This is confirmed in paragraph 4 of the Office Action dated October 21, 2005 as noted above.

The Examiner concurred that the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed March 20, 2006, correcting a typographical error in claim 1, should be entered. The Examiner suggested that Applicant again present this amendment concurrent with the filing of an Appeal Brief, RCE or other subsequent paper. Because the filing of a second Amendment at this time would terminate the pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review, Applicant will not make the amendment at this time.

Regarding (ii) above, the Examiner confirmed that this application is docketed for review by a pre-appeal brief conference panel.

Respectfully submitted,



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